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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow members — Many of our TNA members belong to, and are active in, a local club. That's wonderful! And as it should be. I feel very strongly that each of us should support his local club. If there is not a club in your immediate vicinity, perhaps you can take steps to organize one. Attending club meetings, sharing the fellowship, sharing numismatic knowledge, and engaging in the club's various activities can be very rewarding. If you want some assistance in organizing a club, you can get that help from any of the TNA officers, or you can contact the District Governor nearest you. The name, address and phone number of each governor are shown in your TNA NEWS.

The success of a club is, I think, directly related to the collective efforts of its membership. You know about that — some work very hard, some work hard, some work hardly at all, and the balance often are best known for their lack of work and their complaints. You know into which category you fit.

Through a lot of hard work by a relatively small number of members there are a good many local clubs who have, over the years, amassed a pretty sizeable bank account.

I know of one club which is working toward having its own building. The Greater Houston Coin Club recently donated \$1,000.00 to aid in establishing a permanent numismatic exhibit at the Houston Museum of Natural History. This, I believe, is an excellent use of club funds. I know of several clubs who, on the Saturday night of their weekend shows, give a party for the attending dealers. Some like to do an all-you-can-eat barbecue. Others have had a served seated affair with steak and all the trimmings. Not bad! The Waco Coin Club, for example, not only does the dealer's barbecue bit, but also throws at least one picnic, with barbecue, for its members. This, of course, includes lots of good conversation, for which there is no charge, and a softball game. (The team on which I played has lost the last two times. Joe Olson and Dalton Adams have sparked the play of the winning teams.) A great time, though, was had by all.

By now, you might ask, "What is the point of all this?" The point is those clubs with substantial bank accounts should look about for some worthwhile ways to use your surplus funds.

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OUR GRAND LADY

Henrietta Aldrete
Houston, Texas
(DoubleShift)

The Statue of Liberty was a gift from the French people to the people of the United States. The sculptor was Frenchman Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi. Bartholdi was born on August 2, 1834, in the town of Colmar, Alsace Province, France. His idea was conceived in 1865.

Bartholdi's statue, as he called it, was "Liberty Enlightening The World." Bartholdi started with smaller models he created in his studio as early as 1870. These models were redone by several artists in larger clay and plaster forms. It is said that Bartholdi used his mother's image as his model.

By Spring, 1882, craftsmen began to assemble part of the statue on the Rue de Chazelles, the street next to the workshop. At the end of 1883, the Statue of Liberty rose over the rooftops of Paris. Completed in June 1884, she remained on the Rue de Chazelles until January 1885. On July 4, 1885, the French government officially presented the Statue of Liberty to the U.S. government. Miss Liberty now belonged to the U.S., on paper.

The American Committee started construction of the pedestal with a six-ton hlock of Connecticut granite placed on Bedloe's Island on August 5, 1884. Funds were difficult to raise for the building of the pedestal. It was Joseph Pulitzer whose editorial in the "New York World" moved the American people to donate funds for the pedestal. Even so, the lack of funds was a continuing major problem; but funds were fin-



ally collected by August, 1885, and work continued.

The design of the 154 foot pedestal took three years, starting in 1881, and was the work of American architect, Richard Morris Hunt. It measures 8,281 square feet at the bottom; each of the ground-level sides is 91 feet long. The foundation is nearly 53 feet deep. The pedestal and statue together stand 305 feet high.

Finally, the Statue was disassembled and packed in 214 crates and placed on the ship SS Isere for shipment to America. She left in June 1885. Upon arrival, she was escorted by 90 ships into New York harbor. Her pedestal was not finished so she was placed in storage on Bedloe's Island. This 12-acre island once belonged to Isaack Bedle, who bought the island from the Mohegan Indians. The star-shaped struc-

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COIN COLLECTING BY MAJOR TYPES

By Ted Court,
Fort Worth, Texas

Many people, when they first begin collecting coins, like to put sets together containing all dates and mint marks. This method of collecting has always been very popular, however, with the rapidly rising prices of many coins, particularly "key coins," this form of collecting has become so expensive that many of us can no longer indulge.

An alternative is collecting coins by major types, and such a collection is also very interesting, as no two coins will be exactly alike. For instance, there are 11 major types of silver dollars, while only one type of Trade dollar.

There are five types of half cents, eight or nine types of large cents, six types of small cents, one type of two cents, two types of three cent pieces, seven types of half dimes, six types of nickel, eleven types of dimes, etc.

It is possible to put together a medium value set by obtaining the more recent issues in the best condi-

tion possible, and securing coins of the rarer variety in lesser grades, thereby holding down the expense of constructing the set, but not the attractiveness of it.

A type collection of foreign silver dollar sized coins is also an interesting set. With all the coins different, and being from the different countries of the world, these can be made up in various ways.

Crowns of the 19th or 20th centuries, or coins from some specific continent may be the goal. A similar set of copper or minor coins could also be worked in.

As one accumulates such a collection, a little study of each piece will reveal a wealth of knowledge of the times when the coins were struck. To be acquainted with the history surrounding a collection makes the coins far more interesting. A little thought along these lines will make coin collecting a more engrossing hobby, and one that is far more interesting than a run of dates.

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THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

Lee Grossman, N.L.G.
San Antonio, Texas



Flavius Tiberius Mauricius was born about 539 A.D. in Cappadocia. He became an excellent soldier, and, in the year 578 A.D., Emperor Tiberius of Byzantium, appointed him to command the army against the Persians. In this capacity, Maurice Tiberius established strict discipline and attained universal respect, and in 581, he defeated the Persians in a decisive battle at Constantinople. He married the daughter of Emperor Tiberius, and, at the death of that sovereign, Maurice Tiberius succeeded him to the throne in 582 A.D.

It was 20 years later that Byzantine Emperor Mauricius was urged by his army to ransom some 12,000 veterans imprisoned by various foes after being captured during battles. When Mauricius refused, the army revolted. Soon after, Phocas was elected to the throne, and Mauricius was executed on November 27, 602 A.D.

During his 20-year reign, he encouraged commerce and institutions of learning, and was the author of a treatise on military discipline — a work which is still extant.

Bronze, silver and gold coinage were minted at several mints. The most common coins are the Num-

mia and Follis.

The coin I have was struck during the 16th year of the reign of Mauricius (reverse side: XVI) which would be about 597 or 598 A.D. It is a 40 Nummia (M), and is 31 mm in diameter. The letters THEOP indicate the Antioch mint. Justinian, Emperor of the East, changed the name of the city of Antioch to Theopolis, during his reign (527-565 A.D.). Valuation is between \$45 and \$75. It has a Rarity Rating of R-4, indicating it is scarce.

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GOLD VALUES

The average afternoon London price for one troy ounce of gold for 1977 was \$147.72 and \$356.50 for the 10-year period to 1986. In comparison, during the first five months of 1987, the average price climbed to \$414.10 — 16 percent above the 10-year average and 180 percent above its 1977 average price level. The trend continues — by June 4, the price of gold increased to \$453.10.

TYPE SET SPECIAL FOR SHERMAN MAN

Clarence Youngblood, a TNA member in Sherman, Texas, put together a set of every type of coin ever minted in the history of America and it took him a lifetime to do it, according to an interview by Rick Smith of the Sherman Democrat and appearing in the San Antonio Light.

Youngblood, now 67, began collecting when he was 13 and since then every day has been a treasure hunt for him.

He acquired some of the coins by sheer luck. In a box of "pennies" he bought at an estate sale about 15 years ago, Youngblood found a 1918 Buffalo Head nickel in the bottom of the box.

After a closer look, he also could see the year 1917. He had found an overdate coin worth \$200 at the time which lists for around \$1,000 today.

Youngblood needed a 1797 half dollar to complete his type set and after about a two year search finally found it. He says his 100 coins are worth about \$30,000 and they are safely tucked away in a bank safety deposit box.

1988 EVENTS

The TNA NEWS is receiving inquiries on dates for 1988 coin shows. If your club is planning one, please notify us for the record. Your club may avoid a conflict with another event. Send to Editor, 315 Vance Jackson C26, San Antonio 78201.

TNA IN '88

Members of Greater Houston Coin Club invite you to attend the 30th convention of the Texas Numismatic Association in Houston on April 22, 23, 24, 1988 at Adams Mark Hotel, 2900 Briarpark Dr. at Westheimer.

General Chairman is Al Loja, 2022 Ottawa Ln., Houston 77043, 713 467-2521. For bourse applications write to Ray Aldrete, P. O. Box 1345, Houston 77251, 713 580-3206. Exhibit applications can be obtained from the general chairman.

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Larry Haegle
Fort Worth, Texas

Brave Alexander Hamilton met his death in a duel over the first election between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr. Burr's fatal duel with Hamilton in the summer of 1804 had ended his legal and political career in New York and Jefferson made it clear that there was no future after the close of their first administration for him in Republican national politics. Very few condemned him for the duel itself, the code of honor would be observed punctiliously in the Old Dominion for years to come. In May 1812, the proceedings stemming from the Hamilton duel having been dropped, Burr returned to New York.

The invention of a national currency system was one of the main objectives of the new government with the acceptance of the constitution in 1789. Federalists, such as Alexander Hamilton, sought out new reforms to rehabilitate a political economy which almost went husted under the old Articles of Confederation. He based his idea of reform on the nerve center of the British commercial Empire, The Bank of England. What the Bank of England had done for a small island kingdom, now growing into a worldwide power, a bank of the U.S., could do for a young republic on the fringe of a new frontier.

Alexander Hamilton is honored today on our currency. The only reason he was never president was that he was born in the West Indies outside of the United States of America.

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PLEASE NOTE: If you are planning a move to another location with a new address or a new zip code, please advise the TNA secretary as soon as possible. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!** We need to receive your change of address so that your TNA NEWS copies do not go astray and you will be saving TNA quite a bit of money. Add the original cost of printing and mailing one copy of TNA NEWS to the cost of a returned copy, then to the cost of changing the address on the computer at the printer's, then to the cost of re-mailing a clean copy to you. It adds up to around \$4.50 per copy because you did not notify the TNA secretary you were moving! In some instances, double that cost. **WHY?** Because not all post offices return the copy right away, they wait for the second month and send both at the same time. There went your \$10 TNA membership dues for one year for two returned copies. Multiply that to 10 to 15 copies each month returned to us. Month after month, it adds up. The savings to TNA over the years can be put to better use. To TNA governors and coin club representatives, this matter should be brought to the attention of your club members. Your cooperation is needed and it will be appreciated. TNA thanks you

RAISED DOT

Most coin authorities agree that the dot in the center of the reverse of certain large U.S. cents is there through carelessness. When the early coins were produced, dies had to be handmade by a die cutter. The artist probably used a compass to help him lay out the large letters that appear in the form of a circle on the reverse. Failure to fill in the hole left by the compass point would cause a raised dot to appear on the coin.

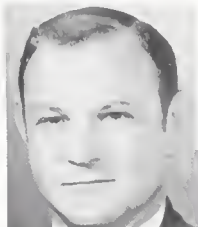
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Based on conversation with collectors, there seem to be a number of local Texas clubs which are just treading water — existing, but not growing. Indeed, membership in some local clubs is declining. What's wrong? Well, the common symptoms seem to be low attendance, poor leadership, apathy, a lack of good educational programs, no club projects, and poor communications.

What can be done to rejuvenate a stagnating club? Well, coincidentally, that's the subject I've been invited to speak about during one of the Numismatic Theatre presentations at this year's ANA Convention in Atlanta. I certainly don't have all the answers, but I can provide some food for thought.

I guess the first question a collector might ask is "Why do we need a club in the first place?" Good question! The answer, of course, is another question, "What is the alternative?" If you are a collector without a club, you cannot share your experiences or your knowledge with others except by long distance. Some people are happy with this arrangement and, certainly, security is a factor, but many collectors feel that the sharing of knowledge is the real joy in collecting.

So, assuming you feel a club is necessary, then you can go to step 2, how to get the club moving forward

again.

Although each coin club has its own personality which has probably developed over the years, the successful ones have some common characteristics; the first of these is a strong leader with strong supporters serving as a nucleus for projects and future club management. Without the direction of an experienced group leader to provide the direction and maintain order, the club will flounder. The leader does not necessarily have to be an experienced numismatist, only an experienced manager of people. One mistake many clubs make is that the person they elect for their president is either the most learned numismatist or the most popular one without looking beyond those factors for the leadership trait. I encourage clubs to look for the do-er — the member that always pitches in, always speaks his piece and, more often than not, generates support for his or her ideas.

The second characteristic of successful clubs is excellent club communications. Weak clubs have weak communications. Look for a dedicated person with some creativity who can be depended upon to act as a club communicator, whether it be as editor of the club newsletter or journal, or as the head of a telephone calling committee, or as your

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from the secretary

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Eleanor Kennady

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WELCOME to new members 5007-5014. If approved the following will become members Sept. 1, 1987.

5016 (D-1) L.D. Sechrist, Stephenville, TX. Mario Johnson.

A-5017 (D-1) Mrs. L.D. Sechrist, Stephenville, TX. Mario Johnson.

5018 (D-6) Paul H. Brecht, 1218 Shadeland Dr., Houston, TX. 77043. Chris Johns.

5019 (D-7) Fernando Martinez, P.O. Box 190-051, San Antonio, TX. 78280. Dealer. Eleanor Kennady.

5020 (D-6) Spencer W. Tucker, P. . Box 771847, Houston, TX. 77215-1847. U.S. Type. Chris Johns.

A-5021 (D-1) Mrs. Pat Ross, P.O. Box 38, Hico, TX. 76457. Glen Ross.

5022 (D-6) R.R. Delesbore, P.O. Box 27208, Houston, TX. 77227-7208. U.S. Currency — U.S. Coins. E.L. "Bob" Bills.

J-5023 (D-4) Jason Gregg, 7006 Burnell, Austin, TX. 78723. Cents & Five cent pieces. Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Randals.

5024 (D-14) Adolfo Reyes, 700 Kandlewood St., McAllen, TX. 78501. U.S. Mercury Dimes. Mac Kennady.

5025 (D-4) Garland Luedecke, 11007 Country Knoll, Austin, TX. 78750. Lyman C. Bartee

5026 (D-7) Ricardo A. Medina, P.O. Box 9165, San Antonio, Tx. 78204-165. Mexican Republic Coins. Miriam Gilmore & Eleanor Kennady.

5027 (D-7) Susan Foster, 212 Gamblewood, Universal City, TX. 78148. U.S. Coins. Frank & Karla Galindo.

A-5028 (D-7) Erik Vitols, 311 Crown, Converse, TX. 78109. U.S. Coinage. Miriam Gilmore & Eleanor Kennady.

C-204 (D-5) Collin County Coin Club, P.O. Box 581, Melissa, TX. 75071. Roy E. Lyall & Craig Cady.

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A-4919 (D-6) Mrs. Helen J. Brantner, Houston, TX. C.F. "Doc" Drapela, Ricebelt Coin Club, El Campo, TX.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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BELLAIRE COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Community Center, 7000 S. Rice. **WRITE:** Club, Box 303, Bellaire 77401.

AUGUST 1-2

SHREVEPORT COIN CLUB, **ARK-LA-TEX** Coin Exposition, Convention Hall, 500 Clyde Fant Parkway. **BOURSE:** Jim Bruce, Box 492, Shreveport, La. 71162.

AUGUST 15-16

16th Annual COIN & STAMP SHOW, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 W. Freeway. I-30. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. 214 690-9678.

AUGUST 23

DALLAS COIN DEALERS ASSN., Travel Lodge, Grand Prairie, I-30 & Beltline. **BOURSE:** Jess Farnsworth, 130 W. Camp Wisdom, Duncanville 75116, 214 296-6659.

SEPTEMBER 4-6

NEW MEXICO COIN DEALERS ASSN., 8th annual coin show. Holiday Inn (Midtown), 2020 Menael St. **CONTACT:** John Adrian, Box 5571 KAFB, Albuquerque, NM 87185.

SEPTEMBER 12-13

TYLER COIN CLUB, annual show Harvey Hall.

SEPTEMBER 19-20

ALAMO COIN CLUB, coin show, Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Hwy., San Antonio. **BOURSE:** Richard Pinette, Box 790441, San Antonio 78279-0441, (512) 674-4949).

SEPTEMBER 26

RICEBELT COIN CLUB, 3rd annual show, American Legion Hall, Hwy. 71, El Campo. **BOURSE:** Art Keinarth, P. O. Box 1504, El Campo 77437, 409 543-9258.

SEPTEMBER 27

BEEVILLE COIN CLUB, 20th annual coin show, Student Center, Bee County College, US 181, Charco Rd. **WRITE:** Beeville Coin Club, Box 209, Beeville 78104, 512-375-2454.

OCTOBER 3

BEAUMONT COIN CLUB, 28th annual show, Beaumont Civic Center, 701 Main St. **BOURSE:** Dale Richey, Box 93, Silsbee 77656.

OCTOBER 3-4

GOLDEN SPREAD COIN CLUB, INC., Fall coin show, Civic Center, Amarillo. **WRITE:** Pam Tipton, 500 S. Virginia, Amarillo 79106. 806 372-8786.

OCTOBER 10-11

FORT WORTH COIN CLUB,

26th annual coin show, Amon Carter Square, Will Rogers Exhibition Hall.

OCTOBER 24-25

1st Annual DFW Coin & Stamp Show, Rodeway Inn, Six Flags, 833 N. Watson Rd., Arlington. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76180.

OCT. 31-NOV. 1

LAFAYETTE COIN CLUB, Annual Cajun Coinival, Hotel Aca-diana, 1801 W. Pinhook Rd., Lay-fayette, La. **WRITE:** Mike Mouret, 1321 S. Edith St., Opelousas, La. 70570.

NOVEMBER 7-8

AUSTIN COIN CLUB, annual show, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

NOVEMBER 20-22

NUMISMATICS INTERNA-TIONAL, annual NICE '87, Har-vey Hotel Addison, 14315 Midway Rd., Dallas. **WRITE:** Phil Law-rence, Box 836094, Richardson 75083, 214 /690-9678.

FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

1988 - April 22-24,
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POLANSKY

Word was received by **TNA NEWS** of the sudden death of Tony Polansky of Dallas on July 18. Mr. Polansky, 42, is a former resident of Lubbock. According to sources, Mr. Polansky was visiting at his father's ranch in Oklahoma when he was stricken.

He had been a member of **TNA** since 1970.

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Charities, community projects, re-turning it in some way to the deal-ers who support your shows, having functions for your members. Make them feel that they are a part of the club. Fun club activities, when tied into numismatics, can do wonders for the members' sense of belonging and can have a very positive and long- lasting effect on the club.

Take a moment to consider some of these proposals and some of the things that other clubs are doing. Don't hoard your funds — put them to use. See ya' next month.

THREE CENT PIECE

In 1851 the rate of postage needed for mailing a letter by ordinary post was reduced from 5¢ to 3¢. Since the copper 1¢ pieces did not circulate freely in certain states, Congress authorized a silver 3¢ piece in order that people would have a coin that would pay for a postage stamp. The biggest complaint was its small size, being easily lost or mislaid so a copper-nickel larger 3¢ coin was in-troduced in 1865. By 1873, the silver 3¢ piece died a natural death.

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DISTRICT I —

Richard Cook will serve **Stephen-ville Coin Club** as president following election of new officers. Assisting will be Morse Ross, vice president; Lorene Randals, secretary; and David Hale, treasurer.

A total of \$73 donated by members was sent to victims of the Saragosa tornado. Mario Johnson thanked the club for their support during his term of office as club president.

Programs for the two meetings in June included a numismatic quiz conducted by Ross and a talk on the Denver Mint by Bill Stem. Stem said the mint had been robbed twice, once in 1920 and again in 1922. The first coins struck there were in 1906. — **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

DISTRICT V —

"An Introduction to Canadian Coins" was the theme of a slide set prepared by Joe Barthold which was presented to **Dallas Coin Club** members. History revealed that



Paul Garner
Governor

John Cabot discovered New Foundland in 1497 shortly after Columbus had discovered America. It was the first British claim to the New World and represented the second largest area in the world at that time. Since one fourth of the Canadian population is of French descent, their currency has two languages.

The 100th anniversary of the Northwest Mounted Police was depicted on the 1973 dollar. It was not until 1964 that Canada actually chose a flag with the Red Maple Leaf. The obverse of all coins shows a British monarch of which there have been five. Coins are minted at the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa.

A period of silence was held during the meeting in honor of Al Clinckenbeard who recently died. He was a past president. — **Tom Ragsdale, Sec.**

Articles appearing in the July 1987 NI Bulletin issued monthly by **Numismatics International** of Dallas included **Chinese Cloth Currency** by R. J. Hebert; **The Coins of Salta, Argentina** by Alma Ott; **An Introduction to By-**

zantine Coinage by I.C.G. Campbell; and **Ottoman Coins Inscribed With a Religious Title** by Kenneth M. MacKenzie. Also, **Leo VI The Wise — He Published 'The Basilica'** by Lee Grossman.

Other items were book reviews, member notice page, librarian's report and much more. C. C. Andrews of Dallas is president.

DISTRICT VI —

Plans were furthered to host a coin show September 26 by **Ricebelt Coin Club** of El Campo at the meeting held at the American Legion Hall.

Announcement was made of the recent death of the club president, "Doc" Drapela. Vice President Dwight Tiller has assumed the presidency and a new VP was to be elected in July.

Chris Johns, Dist. 6 TNA governor, and her daughter, Billie, were visitors. Members had numerous questions pertaining to TNA and which Chris gladly answered.

Art Keinarth was to attend the ANA Summer Seminar for the Grading Class. Grace Vaclavick, secretary, showed a flyer from the American Banking Association which offered souvenir sheets of \$1 and \$2 bills with the new counterfeit preventatives, and advised the club that the Commercial State Bank had ordered several sets which will be available to club members — **Chris Johns, Gov. Dist. 6.**

The annual picnic and get-together for members of **Greater Houston Coin Club** has been postponed until the fall due to inclement weather. Members were urged to consider locations for the picnic and more discussion will be held later.

Spence Tucker is the new club librarian and he presented members with a newly compiled library listing. — **Double Shift.**

DISTRICT VII —

Programs for recent meetings of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio have been souvenir cards and Script on paper money by Robin Ellis, and a program on Christopher Columbus by Lee Grossman. Included also was a Coin Trivia test.

In July an auction of donated numismatic items was planned with proceeds set aside for coin show expenses. The show will be September 19-20 at the Sheraton Inn, 1400 Austin Highway. — **Newsletter.**

Mac Kennady, TNA president and member of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio, gave a program on "Crude Coins of Mexico" at one of the two July Gateway meetings. At the second meeting Freeman Craig presented a program on "Commemorative Silver Dollars" of Canada.

At previous meetings John Kalman discussed "Korean Cash Coins" and an auction was held. Bill Murray and Cliff Valley were the winners of the "Quickie" Quiz given by Mike Greenspan. — **The Gatepost.**



Chris Johns
Governor



Frank Galiado
Governor

DISTRICT VIII —

Joe B. Davis, District 8 governor was honored on the pages of the **Corpus Christi Coin Club Newsletter** by reprinting the photo from **TNA NEWS** of Joe receiving the Galindo Award for his assistance in boosting TNA medal sales.



Joe Davis
Governor

At a recent meeting, Joe gave a program on his lifetime of coin collecting. He started when he was 10 years old and has been buying, selling and trading coins ever since. Joe has traveled all over the world seeking out coin dealers and purchasing coins. Joe was instrumental in the organization of TNA in 1960 and has made every meeting and convention to date. He joined ANA 48 years ago.

Other programs lined up for the summer months are "Mexico City Mint — Its History & Operation" by Bob Evans, "General Vallejo" by John Face, an unannounced title by Floyd Bieniek, and an auction conducted by Johnny Smolik. — **Newsletter.**

DISTRICT IX —

An update on the 1988 coin show set for March 19-20 was given by show chairman Herman Jacobs at the **South Plains Coin Club** meeting held at the Precinct #1 Clubhouse in Lubbock.



E. L. Pitzer
Governor

Twenty-four attended. The club voted to buy Mexico gold coins for door prizes.

Jacobs presented a program on the Buffalo nickel and Hanson Ling planned to give the program at the next meeting. Jerry Eastam won the door prize. — **E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

Election of officers was held at the **Lamb County Coin Club** meeting in Littlefield with E. L. Merriott selected as president. Others are D. O. Joplin, secretary; and Larry Sanderson, treasurer. Joining the club as a new member was Pam Hurt.

A door prize drawing was held before refreshments were served with Merriott and Dr. J. H. Oyer being the winners. — **E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.**

DISTRICT XI —

Linda Caylor gave a program on the Minting Process at the **Golden Spread Coin Club, Inc.** meeting held at the First National Bank in Amarillo. Homer Dotts was scheduled to present a program on the Roosevelt dime and requested that members bring their dimes to the meeting.

Plans are still progressing for the August picnic and a nominating committee was to be appointed. — **Newsletter.**

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DISTRICT XIII —

During an informal meeting of **Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club** it was announced that NCI would select a junior numismatist from Texas clubs for a fully sponsored trip to the ANA convention in Atlanta. It was stated that the club's juniors were "as good as any in the state" and should actively compete.

The informal meeting was due to the president, Morris Lemmond, and the secretary, Pauline Copelin, being in the hospital. Connally O'Brien conducted a 34-lot auction of coins and stamps. — **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

Ray Whyborn gave an illustrated talk on the new Disney paper money at the **Seymour Coin Club** meeting held in the Blue Flame Room of Lone Star Gas Co. He explained the security measures that the designers have implemented which include high rag content watermarked paper, exact registry of face to balk designs, and use of intaglio printing of geometric lathe border designs. The Disney money is printed in four colors making it the first use of 4 color paper money currency in the U.S.

At an earlier meeting, Kevin Hofmaier, 12 year old junior member, gave a talk on "Chinese Money" which he had prepared as a public school project. His father, Reggie, also gave a short illustrated talk on transportation tokens. Dan Vaughn

conducted the auction and Judy Wheeler furnished refreshments.

Welcomed as new members were Chris Holcomb of Vernon, and Marlin and Ethel Lenhert of Upland, Calif. — **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

Members of **Red River Coin Club** of Iowa Park discussed preliminary plans for the annual November coin show to be held in Wichita Falls and they also signed a petition requesting that consideration be given to changing the designs on U.S. circulating coinage.

Robbie Robinson was in charge of the program and talked about the Iowa Park Coin & Stamp Club meeting in 1965-1966. At one of the auctions, one lot was a BU 1900-0 Morgan dollar that sold for \$1.95, a roll of BU 1964 Lincoln cents brought \$4.50.

Ray Whyborn showed the new Disneyland paper money that now circulates in Disneyland (Anaheim, Calif.) which he obtained at the C.O.I.N. convention in Los Angeles. The notes may soon disappear because a \$20 million law suit has been filed against Walt Disney Productions by a man who claims he originated the concept a few years back. He claims that WDP said the idea was impractical, dismissed his proposal and then produced the attractive paper money in May 1957.

The \$1.00 features Mickey Mouse on the front and the Fantasyland Castle on the back. The \$5.00 has Goofy on the front and rear paddlewheel steamboat of Frontierland on the back. Both notes are aqua or blue green in color with full color portraits and lettering and both are

signed by "Scrooge McDuck" as the treasurer. They are series 1987 and are individually serialized with seven digit numbers preceeded by an Alpha prefix. — **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

DISTRICT XIV —

Ralph Cron displayed Franklin Mint Wildlife medals from the early 1960's at the June meeting of **Hidalgo Coin Club** of the Rio Grande Valley. Cron also reviewed an article which had appeared in **Coins Magazine**. Ada Lee Chisum read an article about the club's activities during National Coin Week several years ago.



Helen Snider
Governor

It was reported that coin collectors in the Harlingen area were attempting to form a club. The original club in Harlingen has been inactive for many years.

The club meets the 1st Wednesday at People's Church in San Juan. — **Helen Snider, Gov. Dist. 14.**

CROATIAN NOTES

A current price list for Croatian, Slovenian and other Balkan area banknotes is available from the Croatian Numismatic Society, 254 Crestwood Dr., Hobart, Ind. 46342.

This list is free to all interested collectors when accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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DISTRICT XV —

A discussion on the 1987 coin show took place at the meeting of **Beaumont Coin Club**. The show is set for October 3 at the Civic Center with Dale Richey as bourse chairman. John Brown is in charge of having flyers printed.



Dewey L. Scott
Governor

"Chronology of Numismatics" was the program topic discussed by Sid King. It included the following: 1535, Mexico City mint established; 1792, Congress established the first U.S. mint; 1838, first branch mints opened; 1866, Congress approved a 5-cent coin; 1909, Lincoln cent released; 1965, elimination of silver in dimes and quarters.

Door prize winners were Robert Jenkins, Rex Woodard, King and Brown. — **Newsletter.**

Twenty members and three guests attended the **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** meeting when coin show plans were confirmed for December 5 at the Port Arthur Civic Center. The club is allowing stamp and jewelry dealers to set up.

A program on gold was given via a videotape by Ray Ganaway. Future programs were to be on English and Russian coins. — **Newsletter.**

DISTRICT XVII —

An afternoon of good fellowship, delicious food and friendly competition seemed to be enjoyed by members of **Waco Coin Club** at the annual "picnic in the park" at Lake

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Waco. The 30 attending included TNA president Mac Kennady, TNA secretary Eleanor Kennady, and TNA historian, Katherine Kennady, and Lyman Bartee, past TNA president.

In a spirited game of softball, the team captained by Dalton Adams, TNA District 17 governor, won out over the opposing team headed by Mac Kennady. (Gripe match to be played at next year's picnic.) Other activities included wading in the lake and fishing. — **Reported by J. P. Jones.**

LIBERTY CAP STORY

What is the origin of the Liberty Cap?

The symbolism has its roots back in the history of ancient Rome. When a slave was freed, a ritual ceremony was followed. First, the slave's head was shaved. Then he was presented with a cap to cover the shaved head. This cap was his badge of freedom.

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In 1986 the nation celebrated the 100th birthday of the Statue of Liberty and the U.S. government issued commemorative coins honoring Lady Liberty and Ellis Island. These coins include a 50-cent piece of copper-nickel, \$1 of .900 silver, and a \$5 gold piece.

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A reminder regarding the collection of the Texas state sales tax on sales of the 1987 U.S. Constitution Bicentennial coins was forwarded to the **TNA NEWS** by the Comptroller of Public Accounts office in Austin.

The new coins — a \$1 silver and a \$5 gold piece — are available for sale this month by banks, savings and loan associations and coin dealers.

Sales tax is due on the sales price of the coins less their face value. Since the coins are legal tender, the face value of the coins must be subtracted from the sales price and sales tax collected **only** on the difference.

If additional questions need an answer, call the toll free line from anywhere in Texas, 1-800-252-5555. The regular number is 512 463-4600.

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